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The listed document was cited in an Office Action dated March 31, 2004 in a counterpart Korean Patent Application. A copy of the Office Action is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

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The following document is a language other than English:

1) JP 9-27170. As for relevance, an English-language machine translation is attached.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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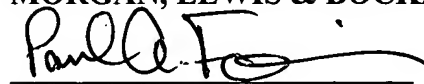
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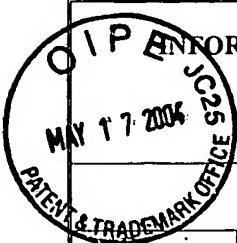
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